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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:	:	Docket No.: 6674-0037-1
SYLVIE GAUTHIER et al.	:	Date: April 4, 2006
Serial No.: 10/762,103	:	Examiner: T. Tran
Filing Date: 1/20/2004	:	Art Unit: 1711
Title: LEATHER DECORATIVE LAMINATE		

Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE

Dear Sir/Madam:

This communication is in response to the Office Action of January 24, 2006, made final. A Request for Continued Examination is filed concurrently herewith. Claims 1-21 were originally filed. Claim 7 is amended. Claims 8-21 are withdrawn from consideration. New claims 22-33 are added. Claims 1-7 are rejected.

The applicant would like to thank Examiner Tran for the courtesy extended in granting a telephone interview on March 9, 2006 to discuss the substantive rejection of the claims. Specifically, Attorney Richard H. Kosakowski, Reg. No. 33,934, a partner of the undersigned attorney of record for the applicant, and Examiner Tran discussed the prior art Sturm reference as applied to claims 1-7.

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